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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Will the next opportunity be taken to give representation to those unrepresented classes, viz., the depressed classes ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" Government will be pleased to consider the request."

The Government Muhammadan College.

565 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the strength of the College department of the Government Muhammadan College, Madras, in the current year and in each of the two previous years as well as the receipts and expenditure of the College in each of the last two years ?

Strength of the Muhammadan College.

A.—1920-21	..	Forty-two at the beginning and 31 at the end.
1921-22	..	Thirty-two at the beginning and 21 at the end.
1922-23	..	Twenty-nine at the beginning and 28 at present.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
1920-21	1,716	34,168
1921-22	2,850	34,223

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I wish to know, Sir, whether there are no Muhammadan students reading in the Presidency College or other first-grade colleges in Madras ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro :—" There are Muhammadan students reading both in the Christian College and in the Presidency College."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" If that be the case, Sir, is it not possible to provide the 28 students now reading in the Government Muhammadan College with adequate instruction in the other colleges ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro :—" The matter was considered, and it was found impossible to provide instruction to these Muhammadan students in the other first-grade colleges of Madras in the subjects which they have taken up for their University examination."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Will not the provision for a chair or chairs on such subjects meet the situation and relieve the state of the huge expenditure which is now being incurred ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro :—" If the hon. Member wishes to make any suggestion, a resolution may be brought forward, and the opinion of the Muhammadan community in the matter will be ascertained."

Working of the courts under the Village Courts Act, 1920.

566 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any and if so what orders to meet the practical difficulties felt by Collectors in the working of the courts under Village Courts Act, 1920, in the matter of suitable court rooms, establishment to carry on clerical work, furniture and stationery, etc. ?

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A.—The Government have already issued orders on the points referred to by the hon. Member. Copies of these orders will be furnished to him.

Publication of the Village Courts Act, 1920, *in the vernaculars.*

567 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when copies of the Village Panchayat Courts Act of 1920 and the rules framed thereunder will be available in the chief vernaculars of the province for the benefit of courts and the public?

A.—They are already available at the Government Press.

Amount of loans advanced in famine-affected areas.

568 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) the amount of loans advanced in the famine-affected areas during the official years 1920–21 and 1921–22 respectively and the amount of loan outstanding out of the total advances made; and

(2) the amounts which have so far been found after inquiry to be irrecoverable and recommended to be written off?

A.—The report due from the Board on the subject has not yet been received.

Diversion of the river Tungabhadra.

569 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the suggestions of the Collectors of Bellary and Anantapur, that the Tungabhadra river may be diverted into a perennially running channel starting from the north-east corner of the district and that an existing channel leading from the Hagari river may be widened so as to provide irrigation facilities for an additional extent of 500 or 600 acres, have been referred to the Chief Engineer for Government for consideration; and

(2) if so, the conclusions which the Chief Engineer has arrived at as a result of his examination of the schemes?

A.—The proposal of excavating a channel from the Tungabhadra river has for the present been given up as there may be some difficulty in obtaining adequate river supplies during the low season for the lands in the Bellary district. As regards the other scheme—widening an existing channel leading from the Hagari river—investigation is being made regarding the discharge in the river and the scheme will be considered after completion of this investigation.

Foresters in the Bellary, Kurnool and Anantapur districts.

570 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the scale of pay of the foresters in the Bellary, Kurnool and Anântapur districts;